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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Sir:

Responsive to the Restriction Requirement mailed April 20, 1998, applicants elect to prosecute group I, claims 1-9 and 15-18, with traverse.

Claims 1-25 are pending in the application. The claims have been divided into three groups: group I, claims 1-9 and 15-18, drawn to a non-human transgenic animal constructed genetically with a promoter and a nucleic acid molecule encoding a syndecan; group II, claims 10-14, drawn to a method for screening compounds which can alter body weight, and group III, claims 19-25, drawn to a method for regulating body weight with a compound that interferes with melanocortin 4 receptor function.

Applicants elect to prosecute group I, with traverse. It is believed that it would require no further searching on the part of the Examiner since the art should be substantially the same.

Please cancel claims 19-25.

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It is believed that no additional fee is required with this submission. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any other fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 01-2507. To facilitate this process, applicants have enclosed a duplicate of this letter.

Respectfully submitted,

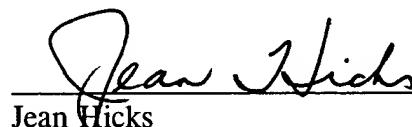


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Sir:

Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application.

Small entity status of this application under 37 CFR 1.9 and 1.27 has been established by a verified statement previously submitted.

A verified statement to establish small entity status under 37 CFR 1.9 and 1.27 is enclosed.

No additional fee is required.

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Respectfully submitted,

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